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WINTER QUARTER EVENTS

- Feb. 5 — Student Recital — 3 p.m., Room 15, Auditorium-Music Bldg
- Feb. 5-6-7 — Play — "Waiting for Godot," 8:15 p.m., Old Main Theater.
- Feb. 7 — Concert — Seattle Symphony, 8:15 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Feb. 10 — Opening of Orozco Drawing Exhibition, Studio Gallery.
- Feb. 12 — Concert — Choral Pop Concert, 2 p.m., Viking Union Lounge.
- Feb. 14 — Art Film — "A Girl in the Mist" and "Nanook of the North," 8 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Feb. 16 — Concert — Recital by Thomas Osborn, W.W.S.C. Music Faculty, 8:15 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Feb. 18 — Concert — Wind Ensemble, 8:15 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Feb. 19 — Concert — Auburn High School students, 3 p.m., Viking Union Lounge.
- Feb. 23 — Concert — Chamber Orchestra, 8:15 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Feb. 25 — Founders Day — Sen. Wayne Morse, speaker, 8 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Feb. 26 — Concert — Pop Band, 3 p.m., Viking Union Lounge.
- Feb. 28 — Art Film — "Orpheus," 8 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Mar. 1 — Concert — Collegium Musicum, 8:15 p.m., Old Main Theater.
- Mar. 3 — Opening Picasso Photographs Exhibition, Studio Art Gallery.
- Mar. 5-6-7 — Play — Shakespeare's "The Tempest," 8:15 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Mar. 10 — Concert — College-Civic Orchestra, 8:15 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Mar. 11 — Student Recital, 3 p.m., College Auditorium.
- Mar. 13 — Art Film, Bonus, 8 p.m., Lecture Hall 4.
- Mar. 16-17-18-19 — Final Examinations.

WESTERN REPORTS

TO PARENTS

WESTERN WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE
Bellingham, Washington

President Jarrett Resigns to Accept Position at University of California

Dr. James L. Jarrett, president of Western since 1959, resigned in January to accept a teaching and research position at the University of California in Berkeley. The resignation will be effective Aug. 1.

At Berkeley, Dr. Jarrett will be Associate Dean of the School of Education and a professor of education. He will work primarily with graduate students in educational philosophy.

The president also plans to devote more time to research and to complete manuscripts on the philosophy of literature and the philosophy of education.



Dr. James L. Jarrett

"It will be a considerable change on my part, both in duties and in the way I spend my time," Dr. Jarrett said. "The change in focus is what I'm looking forward to most. Philosophers have too long neglected the field of education."

Dr. Jarrett also made some comments on the selection of a successor.

"Although the choice of the next president is up to the Board of Trustees and the faculty, I have a strong interest in this institution and foresee great progress for it," he said.

"I think the man they choose should be one who combines scholarship in his own field with the imagination to give leadership to Western. I'm certain they will have no trouble in finding an excellent and able man."

The Board of Trustees and a five-member faculty committee will work together in the selection process. Both groups were optimistic that a new president would be named before too long.

Before coming to Western, Dr. Jarrett was president of the Great Books Foundation in Chicago. Previously he taught at the University of Utah, the University of Michigan, and Columbia University.

He is also Chairman of the Research Advisory Council for the U. S. Office of Education, the policy-making body for the administration of research programs in educational fields.

Under Jarrett's administration, the college doubled in size — both in the number of students and in the number of buildings to accommodate them. He put increasing emphasis on high academic achievement; introduced a tough core of humanities courses, stiffened the requirements for admission to Western, re-organized and created new departments, and recruited outstanding teacher-scholars both in this country and abroad.

"I have constantly believed that the quality of the faculty is the most important ingredient in making a fine college," he said. "I think my own work in obtaining and keeping the faculty is my greatest contribution."

Sixty per cent of the present faculty were recruited by Jarrett.

In a reference to the Western campus, the president said that "it is one of the most beautiful in the nation and improved planning, land-

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Western Reports to Parents is designed to inform parents of Western students about the college — its programs, facilities, faculty, and of course, students. It is published quarterly during the academic year. Faculty and administrators appreciate hearing from parents and they will be glad to answer any inquiries parents may have.

President..... Dr. James L. Jarrett

Academic Dean Dr. Harold Chatland

Dean of Students..... Dr. Merle S. Kuder

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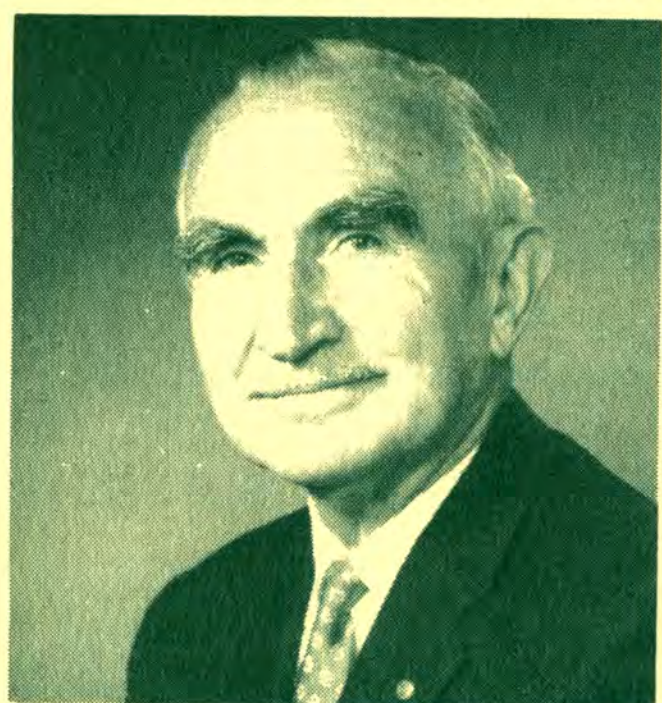
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GENERAL NEWS

Senator Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) will be the main speaker at Western's second annual Founder's Day ceremony Feb. 25. His address, "Looking Ahead in Education," is scheduled for 8:15 p. m. in the College Auditorium. Parents are welcome to attend, though reservations should be made through the Extension Services Office.

A distinguished alumnus and a distinguished citizen of the state also will be honored during the ceremonies.



Dr. Arvid Lonseth, chairman of the Mathematics Department at Oregon State University, will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The Distinguished Citizen Award will go to Dr. Dean Crystal, a Seattle heart surgeon and former Rhodes scholar.

President Jarrett will give an address at 8 p.m., Feb. 24 in the auditorium

which will be also part of the ceremonies.

Senator Morse is a strong advocate of federal aid to education and was co-sponsor of the Academic Facilities Bill which passed Congress and was signed by the President in December. He is a former professor of law at the University of Oregon where he was dean of the school of law at the age of 31. He was elected to the Senate in 1942 and has served on a number of educational commissions. He presently is chairman of the Senate's Education Subcommittee.

Founder's Day was originated last year to note the occasion when Washington Governor John McGraw signed into law a bill providing for a "normal school" in Whatcom County in 1893.

Last year's awards went to Judge Matthew Hill of the State Supreme Court as distinguished citizen and Dr. Janet MacArthur of the Harvard Medical School as distinguished alumnus. Dr. Harold Taylor, former president of Sarah Lawrence College, gave the main address.

Western's toughened-up admissions policy, which went into effect two years ago, is paying off in fewer dropouts and higher scholarship.

A fall quarter scholarship report issued recently by Registrar William J. O'Neil showed that the percentage of new freshmen below a "C" average was cut almost in

half from the two previous years.

This year, 256 freshmen or one-fourth of the freshman class were below a "C." The figure was 43 per cent last year and 40 per cent the year before.

The total number of students below a "C" average among the 3,825 who began fall quarter was 663 or 17 per cent. Again, this was down considerably from a year ago when it was 883 (24 per cent) of the student body.

The number of students who were dropped because of low scholarship also was down this fall — 112 or 3 per cent of the total enrollment. Last year 134 were dropped; two years ago 143 were no longer eligible to stay in college.

One surprising figure that showed up in the report was the number of new transfer students who entered in the fall and who were below a "C" average at the end of the quarter.

The figures here go the other way: 107 or one-fourth of the new transfers were below "C" this last fall, while 82 students (18 per cent) were in the same category in 1962.

Neither O'Neil nor President James L. Jarrett had an explanation for the transfers' performance, but both commended the work of other students and the effectiveness of the entrance standards.

"In raising our admission standards, our assumption has been that we would quickly begin seeing fewer dropouts," Jarrett said. "This is exactly what we are seeing."

"The dramatic improvement in average grades and reduction in the number of students dropped for low scholarship are precisely the results we were after."

A new concept in yearbook production, patterned after some of the nation's leading magazines, will make its first appearance at Western this spring in the student annual, the *Klipsun*.

The book has been reduced from 280 pages and a hard cover last year to 96 pages and a soft cover this year. It will include interpretive articles on research, the Campus School, and student life.

Except for the seniors, all individual pictures have been eliminated — including those of the faculty.

The objective of the revised format is to give the yearbook more continuity and to better tell the story of what happened during the academic year at Western, according to editor George Toulouse, a political science major from Seattle.

President Jarrett Resigns

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scaping, and buildings will mean more beauty.

"The student body, too, is improving in academic seriousness, in maturity, and in spirit," he said.

In a lighter vein, the president commented on some of the alleged benefits of a California location. He listed these "benefits" under a heading he called "Faculty Fringe Malafits," and made a list of five:

1. \$50 parking sticker.
2. California income tax.
3. A favorable real estate situation as exemplified by this classified ad from the Berkeley Bugle: "Older-type, two-bedroom home — especially challenging to the skilled handy man — convenient to McDuff's Meat Packing House. Bargain price \$37,500, cash."
4. Close companionship with a faculty of 1,500.
5. Then if these burdens become too onerous and one decides to flee, there is the final comfort that in the California Retirement System, the state's contribution remains behind."

Competency examinations for the 250 sophomores who make up the independent study group in Educational Psychology will be given Feb. 10-13. The exams will consist of four sections, each corresponding to its equivalent in the educational psychology sequence.

The program is a new one which began last fall. For those in the independent study group, the lecture-text-book method is a thing of the past. Students receive schedules of lectures and discussions, study guides and reading lists, and schedules of staff available for individual help. However, the students do most of the work on their own.

Courses which are combined into the block of 13 credits are Personality and Adjustment, Child Development, Human Learning, and Measurement and Test Construction. Students will receive a single letter grade for the entire block when they pass all four parts of the competency exam. Any part or all of the exam may be taken once each quarter.

If a student fails the exam no record is made on his transcript. Only when he passes in all four areas is a grade — and credit — given.

The program was devised by Drs. Charles Harwood and Peter Elich of the Psychology Department. Dr. Elich is Program Director.

"The reception has been excellent so far, and student suggestions have been a great help," Elich said. "Recruitment into the study group this year was by selection though next year it will be entirely voluntary."

The purpose of the independent study program is to allow able students to progress at their own rate through the required sequence and thereby provide more efficient learning.

An important by-product of the experiment will be an attempt to identify correlates of success and failure and thereby predict which type of students are best suited for independent study and which are not. Intelligence alone is not a prime determinant, according to Dr. Elich.

The program makes it possible for students in some majors to earn both a Bachelor of Arts degree in an academic area and satisfy the teacher education requirements in four years. It is backed by a \$64,779 grant from the U. S. Office of Education — the first Western has received from the U.S.O.E. for educational research.

Winter quarter enrollment at Western took a surprising twist this year — it's larger than fall enrollment. Not by much, but still larger.

The enrollment report shows 3,832 students are registered this quarter, compared with 3,825 in the fall. Usually, enrollment drops between 2 and 3 per cent, according to Registrar William J. O'Neil. He added that this has happened only one other time in the college's history.

O'Neil explains the increase by pointing to the higher retention rate, i.e., fewer dropouts resulting primarily from stiffer admission requirements.

Figures also show there are 1,969 men students and 1,863 women. By curriculum, about two-thirds of the students are in teacher education, and the rest are in arts and sciences and pre-professional programs.

New transfers winter quarter numbered 164 and new freshmen totalled 43.

Where do they come from? Most from King County, which leads all other areas with more than a fourth of the total enrollment — 1,064. Whatcom County is second with 943, Snohomish next with 308. Then, Pierce, 295; Skagit, 171; Grays Harbor, 87; Clallam and Thurston, 80 each. The list tapers down to one student each from Asotin and Stevens Counties. The out-of-state students number 177; Canada and other foreign students account for 80.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Vernon Haubrich from Hunter College, N. Y., arrived on campus in mid-January to become chairman of the Education Department — the college's largest. Dr. Haubrich taught philosophy and sociological foundations of education for the past five years at Hunter.



He specialized in urban education — the teaching and learning processes in depressed areas. Nearly four-fifths of the students in his area were Negroes and Puerto Ricans.

"Either we solve the problems of education in the big cities, or we don't solve the problems of public education at all," he said.

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Dr. Paul Woodring, distinguished service professor, appeared on a new CBS television program, "Aumni Fun," Feb. 2. Prominent alumni from colleges throughout the country appear on the show to raise alms for their almas. Woodring represented Bowling Green State University, along with actress Eva Marie Saint and John Durniak, editor of *Popular Photography* magazine. Bowling Green's opponent on the show was Brown University alumni.

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Dr. Lowell P. Eddy, a member of the Chemistry Department faculty, has received an International Faculty Award by the American Chemical Society — Petroleum Research Fund.

The \$5,500 grant will provide travel funds and a fellowship stipend for Dr. Eddy to support his research and scientific travel in Europe next summer and fall. The grant will be added to a sabbatical leave awarded him by the college for fall quarter.

Dr. Eddy has been invited to work at University College in London for six months on various aspects of inorganic coordination chemistry. He also has been invited to attend the 8th International Conference on Coordination Compounds in Vienna, Sept. 7-11.

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Frederick Lister of the Mathematics Department faculty has been awarded a National Science Fellowship for study next year at the University of Utah. His area of interest is the topology of Euclidean three dimensional space. He is writing a mathematics text which is due for publication by Prentice-Hall next fall.

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Dr. Paul Rygg of the Mathematics Department has received a \$2,000 grant from IBM to participate in an eight-week summer seminar in mathematics at Cornell University. He will study probability and geometry.

GRANTS RECEIVED

Wesetrn has received federal grants totalling \$233,800 for the support of various programs in the physical sciences. The largest chunk — \$68,600 — will go for a full year institute in mathematics scheduled to begin next September.

Ten secondary teachers will be selected for the program which leads to the Master of Arts degree.

Other grants — all from the National Science Foundation — will support three summer institutes for high school teachers. Mathematics received \$59,500 for the summer institute, Geology, \$50,000, and Physics, \$40,000.

The three institutes will accommodate a total of 120

teachers who will receive \$75 a week each while they are on campus plus allowances for travel and dependents. The remainder of the money will be used for operational and administrative costs.

Two other grants of \$6,900 and \$10,000, both from the Atomic Energy Commission, were awarded for a study of the nuclear fission of gold and platinum and for the purchase of equipment for the college's rapidly expanding nuclear program.

NEW BUILDINGS

Site clearing for a new dormitory and dining hall addition in the Ridgeway area overlooking the south end of the campus is under way and construction will begin in the spring.

The \$1,350,000 structure, designed by Seattle Architect Fred Bassetti, will house 450 men students and is scheduled to open in the fall of 1965. It will bring the total dormitory space on campus to 1,820.

Named Ridgeway III, the dormitory will look much like the other dorms in the hillside area—brick exterior with white pillared balconies and stairways.

But the new structure — actually three adjoining buildings — will be more private and more efficient. Each room will have its own outside entrance and all inner corridors will be eliminated. Each main unit of the cluster will house eight students, two to a room, with a central bath on each floor of each unit.

The dining hall addition will provide space to serve up to 600 more students.

STUDENTS

Robert Helgoe, a Bellingham junior, was awarded the second annual "President's Prize" at an honors banquet last quarter. He received the award — a check for \$100 made available by President Jarrett himself — as

the outstanding honors student among the 78 in the honors program.

Helgoe, a psychology major, finds the honors program a challenge. "Each person in the program has something to offer and it has something to offer him," he said. "You don't get creativity out of a class; you get it out of individuals."



Helgoe is a commercial folk singer and an innovator in the program itself. He is interested in how languages affect behavior, but he also writes, paints and likes to use tote goats.

"He's the type of person we like to have in the program," said Dr. Henry Adams, chairman of the Honors Board. "Honor students are not intellectual snobs; they do many things and they do them well."

The annual World University Service Week, held the last week in January, raised more than \$1,200 for needy students abroad. The week consisted of a variety show, baby "Grand Prix," parade, and other events capped by a "gambling night and dance."

Two-thirds of the money raised is being sent to WUS Headquarters in Geneva. The remaining one-third will go to Holy Ghost Teachers College in Tanganyika, Western's sister college.

All funds are used for the material and intellectual advancement of students in other lands — educational activities and facilities, lodging, student health, and individual and emergency aid.

In recent years, Western has been the leading contributor to WUS of all colleges and universities in the ten Western states.

Co-chairmen of WUS week were Ray Devier, a senior from Hamilton, Ontario, and Kathy Failor, a Bellingham junior.

Dave Curts, a sophomore English major from Seattle, was named 1964-65 editor of the student newspaper, the *Collegian*, by the Associated Student Legislature in late January. The job of *Collegian* business manager went to Elizabeth Webb, a freshman from Auburn.

The *Klipsun* editor for next year will be Sue Weir, a sophomore from Burnaby, B. C. Miss Weir is associate editor of the annual this year and has been a member of the newspaper staff. She was graduated from Britannia High School in 1962.

Curts, a *Collegian* staff member, is a 1962 graduate



Sue Weir



Dave Curts

of Glacier High School. He is also an honor student at Western. Miss Webb, a 1963 graduate of White River High School, was editor of her high school newspaper.

The President's Honor List for scholastic achievement fall quarter carried the names of 169 students — the largest group ever to make the honor roll in one quarter. To be eligible, a student must achieve a 3.5 grade point (mid-way between A and B) in at least 14 credit hours during the quarter.

The breakdown included 27 freshmen, 41 sophomores, 54 juniors, and 47 seniors. Thirty-one of the 169 students achieved 4.0 or straight A.

ODDS AND ENDS

A near crisis recently was averted quickly and efficiently by Harold A. Goltz, Assistant to the President. A report came in from Haggard Hall of Science saying that nitric acid was eating away the pipes in one of the labs. The blame was laid to a fan which was out of order. Goltz's directions were to get it fixed. He strode over to Haggard Hall, analyzed the situation, then slipped this note under the door of one of the faculty members in the building: "The switch wasn't turned on." When the red-faced faculty member found the note, he smiled weakly, pushed the switch skyward, and the fan has been working fine since.

As fate would have it, a girl by the name of Ridgeway was given a room in Higginson Hall. She is Pamela Ridgeway, a junior history major from Seattle.

The National Safety Council sent a document to the college addressed to: "Pres. W. W. Hazzard."